Appendix A

Please amend the following claims as indicated in the following marked up copy of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) Composition comprising

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

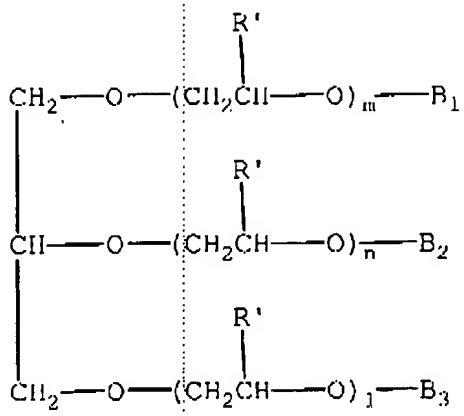
(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

(iii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein one of B1, B2 and B3 represents a group represented by the following formula (II); the remainder representing H;

(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

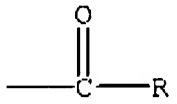
the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) being 46 to 90/9 to 35/1 to 15:

Formula (I):



R' representing H or CH_3, and each of m, n, and l independently representing a number from 0 to [4] 1, the sum of m, n and l [being in the range of 1 to 4] in formula (I) is smaller than 2;

Formula (II):



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

2. (Previously Amended) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) is 60 to 83/16 to 35/1 to 6.

3. (Original) Composition according to claim 1, wherein R' in formula (I) represents H.

4. (Original) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the sum of m, n and l in formula (I) is in the range of 1.5 to

[3.0]

5. (Previously Amended) Composition comprising

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

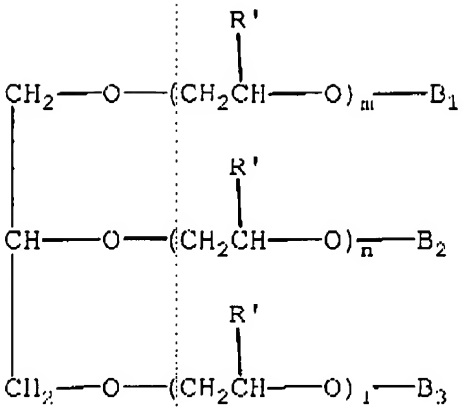
(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

(iii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein one of B1, B2 and B3 represents a group represented by the following formula (II); the remainder representing H;

(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

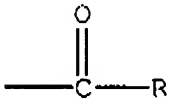
the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) being 60 to 83/16 to 35/1 to 6:

Formula (I):



R' representing H, and each of m, n, and l independently representing a number from 0 to 4, the sum of m, n and l being in the range of 1.5 to 3.0;

Formula (II):



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

6. (Original) Composition according to claim 5, wherein the sum of m, n and l in formula (I) is smaller than 2.

7. (Original) Composition according to claim 5, wherein the weight ratio (i)+(ii)+(iii)/(iv) is in the range of 85/15 to 40/60.

8. (Previously Amended) Method for the preparation of a composition comprising

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently

represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

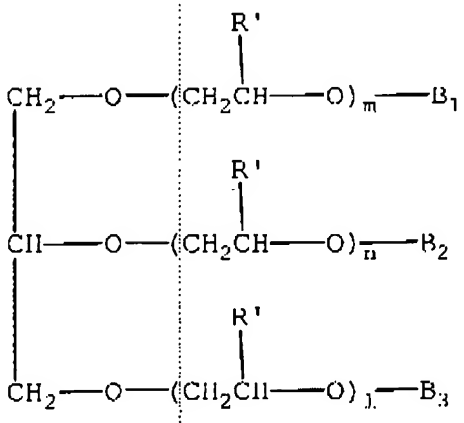
(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

(iii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein one of B1, B2 and B3 represents a group represented by the following formula (II); the remainder representing H;

(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

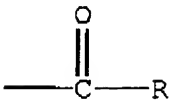
the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) being 46 to 90/9 to 35/1 to 15:

Formula (I):



R' representing H or CH_3, and each of m, n, and l independently representing a number from 0 to 4, the sum of m, n and l being in the range of 1 to 4;

Formula (II):

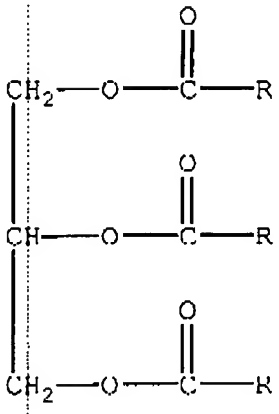


wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms;

the method comprising the following steps:

a) subjecting a mixture of glycerine and a compound of the following formula (III) to an interestification reaction:

(III)



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and

b) subjecting the reaction mixture obtained in step a) to an alkoxylation using an alkylene oxide having 2 or 3 carbon atoms in the presence of an alkaline catalyst.

9. (Previously Amended) Method for the preparation of a composition comprising

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following

formula (II);

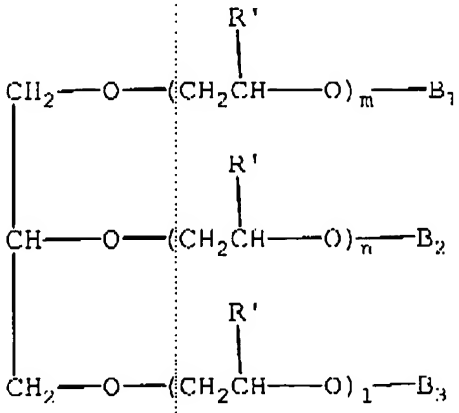
(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

(iii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein one of B1, B2 and B3 represents a group represented by the following formula (II); the remainder representing H;

(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

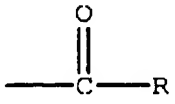
the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) being 46 to 90/9 to 35/1 to 15:

Formula (I):



R' representing H or CH_3, and each of m, n, and l independently representing a number from 0 to 4, the sum of m, n and l being in the range of 1 to 4;

Formula (II):



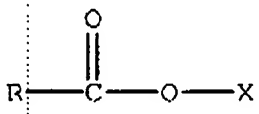
wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms;

the method comprising the following steps:

a') reacting a mixture of glycerine and alkylene oxide having 2 or 3 carbon atoms in the presence of an alkaline catalyst, and

b') reacting the reaction mixture obtained in step a') with a compound of the following formula (IV):

(IV)



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and X represents a methyl group or H.

10. (Previously Amended) Detergent composition containing a composition comprising the following compounds (i) to (iv) in an amount of 0.5 to 20 wt.-%.

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

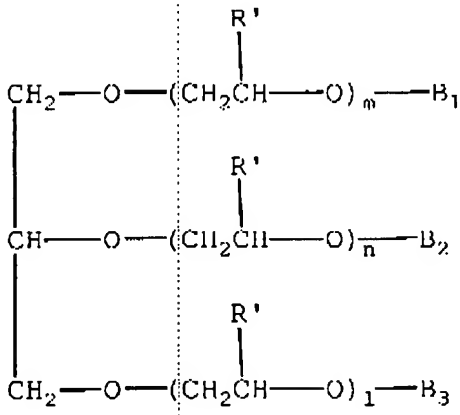
(iii) compounds represented by the following formula (I),

wherein one of B1, B2 and B3 represents a group represented by the following formula (II); the remainder representing H;

(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

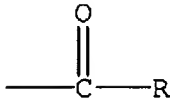
the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) being 46 to 90/9 to 35/1 to 15:

Formula (I):



R' representing H or CH_3, and each of m, n, and l independently representing a number from 0 to 4, the sum of m, n and l being in the range of 1 to 4;

Formula (II):



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

11. (Previously Amended) Detergent composition containing a composition comprising the following compounds (i) to (iv) in an amount of 1 to 8 wt.-%.

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

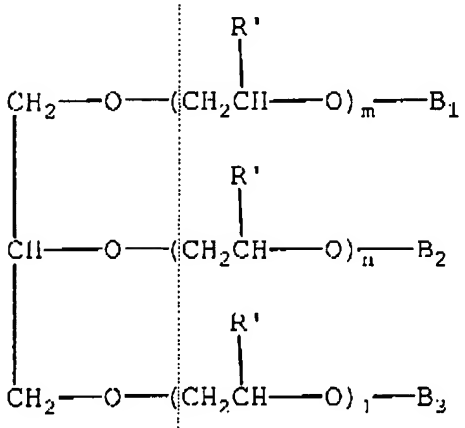
(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

(iii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein one of B1, B2 and B3 represents a group represented by the following formula (II); the remainder representing H;

(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

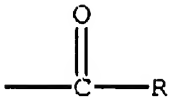
the weight ratio of the compounds (iii)/(ii)/(i) being 60 to 83/16 to 35/1 to 6:

Formula (I):



R' representing H, and each of m, n, and l independently representing a number from 1 to 4, the sum of m, n and l being in the range of 1.5 to 3.0;

Formula (TT):



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

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COMPONENTS	
(Emal ® 227E from Kao)	
Sodium Cocoamphoacetate (40% Dry) (Betadet ® SHC-2 from Kao)	7.5
Example E product	3.5
Lauryl hydroxysultaine (45% Dry) (Betadet ® S 20 from Kao)	5.0
Oleic esterquat (80% Dry Matter) (Tetranyl ® CO-40 from Kao)	0.5
Pearling agent (Danox ® BP-22 from Kao)	3.0
Perfume	e.q.
NaCl	e.q.
Preservative	e.q.
ANALYSIS	
Appearance	Pearled viscous liquid
pH (100%)	6.0–6.5
Viscosity (cps) 20° C.	~7000
% Dry matter	19–21
Stability	OK

Bath gel

COMPONENTS	
Deionized water	to 100
Sodium Lauryl sulfate (27% Dry) (Emal ® 227 E from Kao)	37.0
Cocoamidopropoxybetaine (34% Dry) (Betadet ® HR from Kao)	10.0
Example F product	2.5
Perfume	0.5
NaCl	0.5
Preservative: Kathon CG ® from Rohm & Haas	0.05
$EDTA.Na_2$	0.05
ANALYSIS	
Appearance	Transparent viscous liquid
pH (100%)	5.0–6.0
Viscosity (cps) 20° C.	6000–8000
Turbidity point (° C.)	<0
% Dry matter	18–20
Stability	OK

Hair conditioner

COMPONENTS	HC1	HC2
Deionized water	to 100	to 100
Propyleneglycol	2.0	2.0
Dioleic esterunt (80% Dry Matter) (Tetranyl ® CO-40 from Kao)	1.9	—
Cetrimonium Chloride (25% Dry) (Quartamin ® 60W25 from Kao)	—	6.0
Cetearyl alcohol (Kalcol ® 6870 from Kao)	3.0	3.0
Example A product	0.5	0.5
Perfume	e.q.	e.q.
Preservative	e.q.	e.q.

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Hair conditioner

COMPONENTS	HC1	HC2
ANALYSIS		
Appearance	White viscous emulsion	White viscous emulsion
pH (100%)	4–6	4–6
Viscosity (cps) 20° C.	~5000	~5000
% Dry matter	4.5–5.5	4.5–5.5
Stability	OK	OK

Manual dishwashing

COMPONENTS	MD1	MD3
Deionized water	to 100	to 100
Na Laurylethersulfate (70% Dry) (Emal ® 270E from Kao)	9.5	17.0
Sodium C14–16 Olefin Sulfonate (37% Dry) (Alfanox ® 46 from Kao)	27.0	14.7
Cocoamidopropoxybetaine (34% Dry) (Betadet ® HR)	2.0	2.0
Cocoamid DEA (Antidet ® B-112 from Kao)	1.0	1.0
Example E' product	2.0	2.0
NaCl	2.0	1.5
Formaldehyde 40%	0.1	0.1
ANALYSIS		
Appearance	Transparent viscous liquid	Transparent viscous liquid
pH (100%)	6.5–7.5	6.5–7.5
Viscosity (cps) 20° C.	400–800	400–800
Turbidity point (° C.)	~6	~4
% Dry matter	22–24	22–24
Washed dishes	17	17
Stability	OK	OK

All purpose cleaner

COMPONENTS	
Deionized water	to 100
Sodium C14–16 Olefin Sulfonate (37% Dry) (Alfanox ® 46 from Kao)	14.6
Example E' product	2.0
Tetrapotassium pyrophosphate	3.0
Butylglycol	1.0
$EDTA.Na_4$	2.3
Perfume	e.q.
Preservative	e.q.
ANALYSIS	
Appearance	Transparent liquid
pH (100%)	7.0–8.0
Viscosity (cps) 20° C.	<10
% Dry matter	13.0–14.0
Stability	OK

What is claimed is:

1. Composition comprising

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

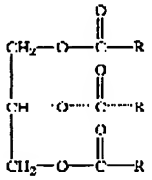
Formula (II):

wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms;

the method comprising the following steps:

a) subjecting a mixture of glycerine and a compound of the following formula (III) to an interesterification reaction:

(III)



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and

b) subjecting the reaction mixture obtained in step a) to an alkoxylation using an alkylene oxide having 2 or 3 carbon atoms in the presence of an alkaline catalyst.

9. Method for the preparation of a composition comprising

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

(ii) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein two of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II), the remainder representing H;

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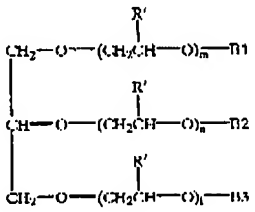
(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

the weight ratio of the compounds (i)/(ii)/(iii) being 46 to 90/9 to 35/1 to 15:

Formula (I):



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Formula (II):

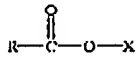
wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms;

the method comprising the following steps:

a') reacting a mixture of glycerine and alkylene oxide having 2 or 3 carbon atoms in the presence of an alkaline catalyst, and

b') reacting the reaction mixture obtained in step a') with a compound of the following formula (IV):

(IV)



wherein R represents an alkyl or alkenyl group having 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and X represents a methyl group or H.

10. Detergent composition containing a composition comprising the following compounds (i) to (iv) in an amount of 0.5 to 20 wt.-%.

(i) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 independently represent a group represented by the following formula (II);

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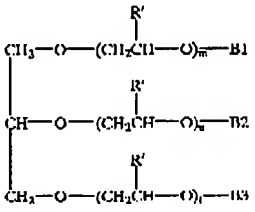
(iv) compounds represented by the following formula (I), wherein each of B1, B2 and B3 represent H;

the weight ratio of the compounds (i)/(ii)/(iii) being 46 to 90/9 to 35/1 to 15:

Formula (I):



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